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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, having a response due date of March 24, 2009, and is being filed within the 2-month 1st reply date. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Claims 14-31 are pending in the application. Claims 14 and 22 are independent.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 22-31 are allowed.

The Claimed Invention

An exemplary embodiment of the present invention, as recited by, for example, independent claim 14, is directed to a linear drive device that includes an excitation winding producing a variable magnetic field, a magnetic-flux-guiding main yoke body accommodating the excitation winding and having multiple limbs including a central limb, a winding-free counter-yoke body disposed opposite to the main yoke body, an axial gap formed between the main yoke body and the counter-yoke body, and an